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14 February 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, RAB

SUBJECT : Early Warning of Viet Cong Tet Offensive

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1. On 29 January 1968 [REDACTED] received information from the Saigon Municipal Police Director that he expected shooting, possibly machine guns, within the city on the night of 29 January. He further stated that the VC would attempt to utilize the sounds of firecrackers to mask the sounds of their own weapons. Station officers were advised of this information orally and by memorandum. A copy of the memo is attached.

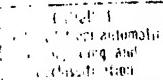
2. On the morning of 29 January 1968, National Police Director General Loan advised of security measures that he was taking and reported that the DGNP had received two reliable reports indicating that the VC had infiltrated special action units and agents into Saigon to conduct operations during Tet. The Station was advised of this information by means of a Daily Brief which was forwarded to ID on the afternoon of 29 January. A copy of this Daily Brief item is attached. 25X1A

3. On the afternoon of 30 January [REDACTED] received reports which it was unable to confirm indicating that VC special action units had infiltrated the city within the past 24 hours. Further, police believed that there had been heavy infiltration of B-40 rocket launchers and AK-54 weapons. The police additionally believed that the VC were planning an attack on DGNP Headquarters. This information was telephoned to the office of [REDACTED]

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4. The information in Paragraph 3, above, was discussed with the Director of Saigon Municipal Police Department at 1615 hours on 30 January but he was not able to confirm it. He stated that the city had been relatively quiet and there had been no significant infiltrations by the VC. He added that there had been several reports of B-40 rocket launchers during the last several weeks but none of these reports had been confirmed. Attempts to reach other knowledgeable security officers within the city were not successful.

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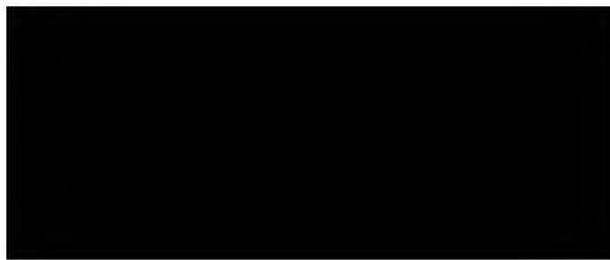
5. [REDACTED] prepared a memorandum on the information in Paragraph 3, above, and had it handcarried to the office of [REDACTED]. A copy of this memo is attached. 25X1A

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